

has run out. The tolerance of the international community has run out. They have squandered and abused their authority for far too long. They would be well-advised to stand aside so that others, chosen in a free and fair election, can begin the process of uniting and rebuilding the country. To that end, the United States can work with regional allies, Canada, Norway, the UK, other European nations, and church leaders to achieve a democratic and peaceful solution in South Sudan.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE LENOXBURG GENERAL STORE

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week, I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, I am honored to recognize the Lenoxburg General Store of Foster, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

When Scott and Angela Horn took over the Lenoxburg General Store nearly 2 years ago, they inherited more than four walls stacked with merchandise. The illustrious history and culture of the store bring with it a tradition that the Horn's were determined to uphold and enhance. Founded by Sam Lenoxburg in 1938 during the height of the Great Depression, the General Store brought local farmers and tradesmen together for excellent meals and butchering services. It represented a gathering place for a rapidly expanding community and was the cornerstone of Bracken and Pendleton County. While large cities and towns had cinemas and famous diners to bring about this connection, it was Sam Lenoxburg's store that generated the communal culture in the tight-knit Kentucky town for generations.

Today, the Lenoxburg General Store continues to supply both general service and deli processing to its local clientele. The location remains a congregation hub, drawing folks from all over and the bordering counties to dine and shop with a traditional flair. Since the Horns took ownership, the store has branched into catering and offers delivery for local events across the community it serves. The location also hosts events of its own, including fish-fry contests and holiday celebrations. But most importantly, during this time, Angela and Scott have continued in their tradition of hiring within their community, serving as a boon to their local economy. This family-owned business has supported a community-first atmosphere in the store which attracts visitors and customers from surrounding counties.

Philanthropy and hospitality are crucial tenants to Kentucky's character, and the Horns exemplify these traits through their charitable work. Scott,

the local game warden, has partnered with Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry to deliver more than 1,450 pounds of venison to more than 350 families in need. The Horns are also involved with national charities and use their business to contribute to the Bracken and Pendleton tourism committees, along with the counties' 4-H programs. Lenoxburg General Store was heavily involved in the preparation and execution of the Heritage Days in Augusta, the longest running event in the area. Scott and Angela are committed to serving their friends and neighbors and get involved whenever they can to improve the lives of those around them.

The Horns' dedicated approach to supporting the store's family-like atmosphere goes beyond their praised home-cooked specials. As business owners and operators, Scott and Angela go above and beyond for their community and demonstrate how small businesses serve as the backbone of towns across Kentucky.

Congratulations to Scott, Angela, and the entire Lenoxburg General Store team. I wish them the best of luck, and I look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky. ●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2869. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2870. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyflubumide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9282-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2871. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other Ruminants" ((RIN0579-AD10) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0095)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2872. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Handling of Animals; Contingency Plans" ((RIN0579-AC69) (Docket No. APHIS-2020-0101)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2873. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division,

Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OneRD Guaranteed Loan Regulation" (RIN0572-AC56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2874. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Peer Reviews of Contracts for Supplies and Services (DFARS Case 2019-D037)" (RIN0750-AK77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2875. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Privacy and Access to and Amendment of Individual Records under the Privacy Act of 1974; Technical Amendment" (RIN0790-AL42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2876. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account" and a semiannual listing of personal property contributed by coalition partners; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2877. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE Program: TRICARE Reserve Select Coverage for Members of the Selected Reserve" (RIN0720-AB79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2878. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement on Resolution Plans for Insured Depository Institutions" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2879. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2880. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order imposing sanctions on foreign persons involved in the global illicit drug trade; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WARNOCK):  
S. 3445. A bill to amend the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 to apply to